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Lancaster Man Charged with Murder of Appliance Repair Woman

A 30-year-old man has been charged with killing a woman sent to his Lancaster home to repair a refrigerator, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Williams Franklin Hughes III (dob 11/7/86) faces one count of willful, deliberate and premeditated murder. Arraignment is scheduled today in Department A01 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Deputy District Attorney Ryan Williams said the felony complaint also includes an allegation that Hughes was convicted of making criminal threats in 2013. Case MA071692 was filed on July 18.

Victim Lyndi Fisher, 36, was allegedly strangled by the defendant after she arrived at his home for the appliance repair on July 14, the prosecutor said. A month prior, Fisher had repaired an appliance at Hughes' home, the prosecutor added.

Bail is set at \$2.5 million. Hughes faces a possible maximum sentence of 55 years to life in state prison if convicted as charged.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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